(b) if so, whether they have called for the explanation from these officials and disciplinary action taken for non-compliance ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Sir, the Chief General Manager, Maharashtra Circle had asked for some clarifications regarding the two Telecom Advisory Committees for Goa and Panjim. The Chief General Manager has, now, been asked to hold the meetings of both the Telecom Advisory Committees.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Complaint against payment of NSS amount on Maturity

1733. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received complaints in Mohan Nagar (Ghaziabad), U.P., regarding mode of payment of NSS amount on maturity ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof :

(c) whether Government have also received complaints regarding non-issue of receipts for Income Tax deductions from the NSS amounts ; and

(d) if so, what orders Government propose to issue in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) One complaint of this nature was received.

(d) The existing instructions on the subject are considered to be adequate. According to these instructions, any deduction of income tax made from an amount payable in an NSS Account is noted down by the Post Office counter assistant in the pass book of the depositor.

Sanction of Telephones under Ministers Discretionary Quota

1734. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of telephone connections sanctioned so far under his discretionary power since August, 1991 ;

(b) what is the number both of them that were sanctioned on the recommendations of Members of Parliament ; and

(c) what is the number of telephone connection sanctioned from the quota of Members of Parliament July, 1991 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The total number of telephone connections sanctioned under discretionary powers since August 1991 to April 1992, is 21,355. Out of this, 10,013 telephone connections were sanctioned on the recommendations of M.Ps including their quota. A large number of the remaining telephones have been sanctioned at the recommendations of Ex M.Ps, MLAs and other VIPs.

(c) A total number of 7,712 telephone connections have been sanctioned from 1991 M.Ps quota since July 1991 to April 1992.

With effect from 1-1-1992, powers to sanction telephone connections on out of turn priority basis from M.Ps' quota, have been delegated to Chief General Managers, Telecom Circles of respective States. As such, No. of telephone sanctioned by the Chief General Managers from 1992 quota of the M.P's i.e. 1-1-1992 till date is not included in the information given in (a) & (b) above.

Sanction of telephone connection from M.Ps. Quota

1735. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of telephone connections sanctioned from the

M.Ps. quota by the various Telecommunication Circles in States during the period from January to April, 1992 and forwarded to Chief General Manager, Delhi for installation ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in a number of cases even O. B. has not been issued as yet ; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when these telephone connections are likely to be installed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Sir, 562 sanctions for telephone connections have been received during the period by the Chief General Manager, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, New Delhi, from various Telecom. Circles for M.Ps' quota for installation in Delhi.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. In majority of the cases, O.Bs. could not be issued for want of formalities to be completed. Telephone connections are likely to be provided within 15 days after completion of the departmental formalities and subject to technical feasibility.

Disparity between the wages of Central Government Employees and Public Sector Undertakings

@1736. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to constitute a group to examine the growing disparity between the wages of the Central Government employees and the public sector undertaking employees and suggest remedial measures ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) : (a) and (b) A Committee of Experts has been set up on the 6th April, 1992. A copy of the orders indicating, *inter-alia,* terms of reference, etc. is given in the Statement.

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The Government of India have decided to constitute a high level Committee of Experts to study and examine the structure of emoluments. *Viz.,* Pay, Dearness Allowance and other allowances including perquisities admissible to the employees in the Central Government, Public Sector Enterprises and Nationalised Banks, etc. *inter-alia* for preparing a document to enable the Government to take a view on the trends of wages of employees in these sectors and to consider evolving a common formula for the grant of Dearness Allowance.

2. The composition of the Committee of Experts shall be as follows :—

(i) Shri H. N. Ray : Chairman

(ii) Shri V. Atal : Member

(ii) Shri B. Swaminathan : Member

3. The terms of reference of the Committee shall be as follows :—

(i) To study the Dearness Allowance and wage structure of Central Government employees and the employees of the Public Sector Undertakings, Nationalised Banks, Statutory Corporations, etc. including principles governing Dearness Allowance and pay.

(ii) To analyse the gap in emoluments of the Central Government employees *vis-a-vis* employees of Public Sector Undertakings etc. giving the weightage to the difference in job contents for the posts similar in nature.

(iii) Based on the study and examination, prepare a document for consideration of the Government to take a view on the following aspects :—

(a) The trend for wage revision and narrowing down the gap in

@Previously unstarred Question 511 transferred from the 30 April, 1992.